

SPICERTOWN – SOUTH STREET BUSINESS AREA

Location and Description

- South of Exchange Street and the University of Akron campus, east of Downtown, north of I-76/I-77, and west of Route 8.
- Commercial/industrial, predominantly neighborhood-level retail services; mix of single and multi-family housing with a substantial college student population.

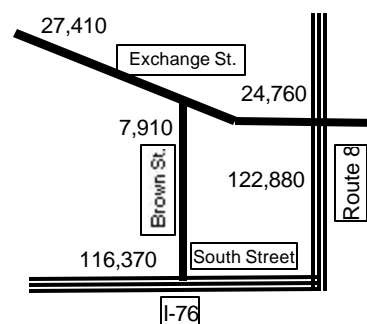
Current Business Mix and Buildings

- Social service agencies, personal service, bookstores and office supply, restaurants and fast food dominate Exchange Street.
- Modern freestanding low-rise office buildings on Wolf Ledges.
- Brown Street and South Street mix single-family housing, freestanding one-story commercial/office/retail buildings and buildings with several retail storefronts. Most buildings have smaller footprints.
- Limited non-residential land use on Brown Street includes salvage and surplus, paging equipment and service, computer graphics, automotive service, and restaurants. Varied South Street non-residential includes: specialty food and other establishments owned by and serving immigrants; neighborhood level personal services; government offices; household furnishings; eating and drinking establishments; heating equipment and systems; welding, grinding, tool and die making; communications-related businesses; and automotive supplies and equipment.
- Private parking. Limited street or metered parking on Exchange Street and South Street.

Neighborhood Assets and Landmarks

- Public transportation via METRO Bus Route #2, #13, and #17.
- University of Akron, Leggett Elementary School, the Chapel, central U.S. Post Office.
- Convenient access to I-76/77 and Route 8.
- Boss Park

Average Daily Traffic Volume



2000 Demographics	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Population	61,976	100	217,088	100	542,899	100
Population Per Square Mile	4,654	NA	3,497.5	NA	1,315.4	NA
Households	23,713	100	90,143	100	217,865	100
Family Households	13,321	21	54,104	60	145,058	67
Persons Per Household	2.5	NA	2.4	NA	2.4	NA
Average Household Income	\$31,786	NA	\$41,631	NA	\$55,839	NA
Housing Units	26,730	100	97,265	100	230,880	100
Owner Occupied Housing Units	10,947	41	53,441	55	152,996	66
Owner Occupied Average Home Value	\$60,007	NA	\$90,503	NA	\$133,503	NA

2000 Age Distribution	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 20 Years	19,611	31.6	61,764	28.5	149,564	27.5
20 and Older	42,365	68.4	155,324	71.5	393,335	72.5
65 and Older	6,194	9.9	29,534	13.6	76,745	14.1

2000 Education Levels	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
(Of Population 25 Years and Older)	#	%	#	%	#	%
High School Graduate	13,550	22	49,418	35	121,705	34
Bachelor's, Graduate, Professional	3,598	6	25,110	18	91,096	25